



House Bill No. 5407

Special Act No. 18-18

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO PROMOTE
EFFICIENCIES IN THE FILING OF HABEAS CORPUS MATTERS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force to study the filing of habeas corpus matters in the state. The task force shall examine methods that allow the state to better evaluate an application for a writ of habeas corpus at the time of filing in order to reduce the number of frivolous applications filed.

(b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

- (1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;
- (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;
- (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives;
- (4) One appointed by the Senate Republican president pro tempore;
- (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives;
- (6) One appointed by the deputy Senate Republican president pro

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tempore;

(7) The chairpersons and ranking member of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the judiciary, or their designees;

(8) The Chief Court Administrator, or the Chief Court Administrator's designee;

(9) The Chief Public Defender, or the Chief Public Defender's designee;

(10) The Chief State's Attorney, or the Chief State's Attorney's designee; and

(11) The Commissioner of Correction, or the commissioner's designee.

(c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1), (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member of the General Assembly.

(d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority.

(e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

(f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the judiciary shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

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(g) Not later than January 1, 2019, the task force shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the judiciary, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or January 1, 2019, whichever is later.

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